

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 588

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate Malaki Dowell of the White County High School Warriors football team.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding young athletes who, through their superlative efforts and achievements in high school football, have distinguished themselves as true champions of the sport; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable individual is Malaki Dowell, a senior at White County High School, whose athleticism, intelligence, and leadership on the football field have brought great honor and acclaim to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Malaki Dowell gained a total of 3,201 yards, averaging 10.7 yards per carry, in his senior season and obtained this yardage despite sitting out 1.5 games with an injury; until his injury, he led the nation in rushing yards while competing in one of the toughest regions in the State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dowell's hometown of Sparta has only one middle school and one high school but competes against such powerhouse programs as Green Hill, Station Camp, and Mt. Juliet, which speaks volumes of the talent and perseverance of this special athlete; and

WHEREAS, voted unanimously by Region 5A coaches as Region Most Valuable Player, Malaki Dowell served as captain during his senior year and was also a Mr. Football finalist; and

WHEREAS, a phenomenal athlete, Mr. Dowell finished the year as number one in the State in rushing, touchdowns, and points in a single season, as well as number six in the nation, and earned a full-ride scholarship to Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, Malaki Dowell is a true sportsman of the highest caliber, who has committed himself to the pursuit of excellence both on and off the gridiron while displaying outstanding character in every aspect of his life; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dowell's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and applaud Malaki Dowell on his many accomplishments as a high school football player, recognize his determination and innate talents, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.